

September 25, 2019

VIA EMAIL (80280-03534698@requests.muckrock.com)

Russel Neiss
c/o MuckRock News
DEPT MR 80280
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RE: Access to Public Records Request – Wyatt Emails for Rescheduled Meeting

Dear Mr. Neiss:

This firm serves as legal counsel to the Central Falls Detention Facility Corporation (“CFDFC”). This letter will serve as the response to your Access to Public Records Act (the “Act”) request dated and received September 11, 2019. In your request you asked for the following information:

1. Copies of any email communications and their corresponding attachments with Albert Gardner, Wil Arboleda, Joseph Gonsalves, Agostinho Silva, Christopher Hunter, or Daniel Martin from September 9, 2019 to September 11, 2019 that include any of the non-case sensitive terms: “protester”, “jews”, “jewish”, “quickly as possible”, [and] “friday night”.

The intent of the Access to Public Records Act is found in Rhode Island General Laws which states:

- 38-2-1. *Purpose – The public’s right to access to public records and the individual’s right to dignity and privacy are both recognized to be principles of the utmost importance in a free society. The purpose of this chapter is to facilitate public access to public records. It is also the intent of this chapter to protect from disclosure information about particular individuals maintained in the files of public bodies when disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.*

The CFDFC has identified the enclosed documents as responsive to your request and subject to disclosure pursuant to the Act. Please be advised that Albert Gardner and Joseph Gonsalves are no longer members of the Board of the CFDFC, and thus, the CFDFC does not maintain or have access to communications to or from those individuals. Additionally, please be

advised that one document has been withheld on the basis that it is attorney client privileged, and thus, is not subject to disclosure pursuant to § 38-2-2(4)(A)(I)(a).

You may appeal this decision in accordance with Rhode Island General Laws § 38-2-8.

Very truly yours,



Patrick J. McBurney

cc: Warden Daniel Martin



Christopher Hunter <chunter@advocacysolutionsllc.com>

Meeting rescheduled, complaints of antisemitism

Steve Ahlquist <atomicsteve@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 11, 2019 at 3:59 PM

To: "Christopher D. Hunter" <chunter@advocacysolutionsllc.com>

The Wyatt Board meeting is now scheduled for Friday evening, and I'm already hearing complaints that this was done intentionally, because it is well known that much of the opposition the Board is likely to face is Jewish.

Was the meeting scheduled at this time to limit Jewish opposition?

This is a serious question, by the way, not trolling.

Steve

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Steve Ahlquist
UpriseRI.com
401-474-9266



Christopher Hunter <chunter@advocacysolutionsllc.com>

Boston Globe story

Fitzpatrick, Edward <edward.fitzpatrick@globe.com>

Wed, Sep 11, 2019 at 4:55 PM

To: "Christopher D. Hunter" <chunter@advocacysolutionsllc.com>

Thanks.

Aaron Regunberg notes the meeting now coincides with Shabbat, the Jewish day of rest and peace that begins just before sundown on Fridays. Any plans to change that date given that the main opponents are a Jewish activist group?

Ed

[Quoted text hidden]



Christopher Hunter <chunter@advocacysolutionsllc.com>

Here's a piece, not mine. I tried to tell you

Steve Ahlquist <atomicsteve@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 11, 2019 at 7:53 PM

To: chunter@advocacysolutionsllc.com

Facing Jewish protest, ICE detention center where guard drove into protesters reschedules public meeting to shortly before Shabbat - Jewish Telegraphic Agency

<http://www.jta.org/2019/09/11/united-states/facing-jewish-protest-ice-detention-center-where-guard-drove-into-protesters-reschedules-public-meeting-to-shortly-before-shabbat>

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Walsh Kerry F.** <kwalsh@pldolaw.com>

Date: Wed, Sep 11, 2019 at 2:17 PM

Subject: Meeting Agenda

To: Wil Arboleda <wilderarboleda91@gmail.com>

Cc: Lopes Matthew <mlopes@pldolaw.com>, Walsh Kerry F. <kwalsh@pldolaw.com>, Dunbar, Roxie <rdunbar@pldolaw.com>, Gribbin Rachel <rgribbin@pldolaw.com>

Wil – I just wanted you to take a quick look at the agenda that will be posted for the meeting Friday night. I believe this is what we agreed to. Thanks.

Kerry F. Walsh, Partner

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Daniel Martin

From: Walsh Kerry F. <kwalsh@pldolaw.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 2:39 PM
To: Annalisa Boucher
Cc: Daniel Martin
Subject: Friday Board Meeting
Attachments: Wyatt Agenda 09 13 2019.pdf; Wyatt Agenda 09 13 2019.docx

Annalisa – attached is the proposed meeting agenda for a board meeting this Friday night. I am waiting to hear back from Wil Arboleda before we post it and as soon as I hear back I will give you the go ahead to post it. Please make sure that the Warden's report and CFO report are for the correct months. They have two different months. I will also be sending you an agenda for a special meeting Monday night. Thank you.

Kerry F. Walsh, Partner

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From: Annalisa Boucher
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 2:44 PM
To: Walsh Kerry F.
Cc: Daniel Martin
Subject: RE: Friday Board Meeting

Thank you, yes the dates are correct.

Annalisa Boucher
401-721-0313

From: Walsh Kerry F. [mailto:kwash@pldolaw.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 2:39 PM
To: Annalisa Boucher <ABoucher@wyattdetention.com>
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Daniel Martin

From: Gregory Richard
Sent: Monday, September 09, 2019 11:41 AM
To: Raul Castro; Daniel Martin
Cc: Daniel Henry; Michael Nessinger
Subject: RE: FACEBOOK Never Again page

Excellent, Thank you

Major Gregory Richard
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Donald W. Wyatt Detention Facility
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401-721-0307 (Direct Line)
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From: Raul Castro
Sent: Monday, September 09, 2019 11:40 AM
To: Daniel Martin <DMartin@wyattdetention.com>; Gregory Richard <grichard@wyattdetention.com>
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Hospital. This is happening right here in Rhode Island. It's our responsibility to say loud and clear:

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Fill out this Google form to take a greater leadership role in Never Again:

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From: Gregory Richard
Sent: Monday, September 09, 2019 11:47 AM
To: Raul Castro; Daniel Martin
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As of right now it looks like 148 have confirmed they will attend the protest and 300 plus are interested in participating. These numbers are from there Facebook page.

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